

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Adult Services Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor) • Oxnard, CA 93036

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

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Under AB 2449 New Teleconferencing Rules:

The Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Adult Services subcommittee may take action at the beginning of the meeting regarding requests for "Just Cause" or "Emergency" allowances provided that related Brown Act guidelines are met. (Guidelines are listed on the last page of this agenda.)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call to determine Physical Quorum
- III. Roll Call of Members with Just Cause
 - a. State others present in the room over the age of 18
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Approval of the May 4, 2023 Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VI. Welcome and Introductions
- VII. Public Comments – (3 minutes per speaker)
- VIII. Chair Announcements
- IX. Member and Participant comments
- X. Stepping Up Initiative Presentation – Ronna Bright, MSW (20 minutes)
- XI. Decentralization of STAR – Dr. John Schipper (20 minutes)
- XII. VCBH Updates:
 - A. Adult Services Operations
 - B. Substance Use Services
- XIII. Contracts Review – (April & May 2023)
- XIV. Items for Next Meeting Agenda
- XV. Public Comments – 3 minutes per speaker
- XVI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7th, 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Zoom Participation Information - continued

Please note the following important information related to supporting your participation in the upcoming meeting:

1. The meeting will be recorded.
2. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption of background sounds.
3. Zoom will initially start with a “**waiting room**” at the start of the meeting, you will be “admitted” into the waiting room.
4. During the Public Comments portion of the agenda, participants will be unmuted and able to comment for up to 3 minutes. Comments can be shared in the following ways:
 - a. If you are joining the meeting via video/audio, you join the comment cue by clicking on the participant window at the bottom of the zoom screen and then click on the “**raise hand**” feature in that participant window.
 - b. If you are joining the meeting by telephone only, you join the comment cue by pressing *9.
5. Comments will be taken in the order they are received and are allotted 3 minutes. At the end of the three minutes, you will be notified that the time has ended, be able to make a closing comment and then the mic will be opened to the next person.

Brown Act “Just Cause” or “Member Emergency” Allowance Guidelines for Board Members:

Requirements: A local board/commission member may participate remotely without posting their physical location on the agenda if all the following requirements are met:

1. Quorum at Physical Location - At least a quorum of the members of the board/commission participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified in the agenda.
2. Public Access - (Both Remote and In-Person) The public may access the meeting through:
 - A two-way audiovisual platform or
 - A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting
 - In-Person Public Access to the physical location.

Circumstances: One of the following circumstances applies:

1. “**Just Cause**” - The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. The

Public comments on agenda items can be made prior to or during consideration of agenda items and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Public comment periods are limited to no more than (20) minutes total for all speakers. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Behavioral Health Administration at (805) 981-6830. Reasonable advance notification of the need for accommodation prior to the meeting (48 hours advance notice is preferable) will enable us to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year. **or**

2. **“Emergency Circumstances”** - The member requests to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances and the board/commission takes action to approve the request. The board/commission shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member’s need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information.

Procedures:

1. Member Request - A member shall make a request to participate remotely at a meeting pursuant to this clause as soon as possible. The member shall make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.
2. Board/Commission Response - The board/commission may take action on a request to participate remotely at the earliest opportunity. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Disclosure - The member shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals.
4. BOTH Audio & Visual Participation - The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.
5. Limits to Remote Participation - The provisions of this subdivision [of the Brown Act] shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year, or more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year.

DEFINITIONS:

“Emergency circumstances”: A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

“Just cause” means any of the following:

1. A childcare or caregiving need (for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner) that requires the member to participate remotely.
2. A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in person.
3. A need related to defined physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for.
4. Traveling while on official business of the Brown Act Bode or another state or local agency.
5. Just Cause is limited to two instances per calendar year.

For additional information, see pages 4+ of the Brown Act Guide: calbhbc.org/brown-act

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Stepping Up Initiative

Presented by:

Ronna Bright, MSW, Senior Program Administrator

Ventura County Sheriff's Office



A National Initiative Reducing Overincarceration of People with Mental Illnesses

- The Stepping Up initiative was launched in 2015 as a partnership between the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the National Association of Counties, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation.
- Utilizes a data-driven framework that assists counties through training, resources, and support that are tailored to local needs.

STEPPINGUP

The Stepping Up Key Measures

1. Reduce # of those with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) booked into jail
2. Shorten Average Length of Stay (ALOS) of those with SMI
3. Increase Connections to Community Based Organizations
4. Lower # of re-bookings of those with SMI

STEPPINGUP

Factors Associated with Key Measures

	REDUCE # BOOKED	SHORTEN AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY	INCREASE CONNECTIONS	LOWER RE- BOOKINGS
CalAim			X	X
Collaboration and Coordination	X	X	X	X
Community Based Resources			X	X
Crisis Intervention Team	X			
Discharge Planning		X	X	
Diversion	X			
Early Access		X		
Evidenced Based Screening	X	X	X	X
Inmate Services			X	X
Jail Based Competency Training (JBCT)		X		
Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)		X		
Therapeutic Inmate Mgmt. Unit (TIMU)		X		



On the Horizon

- Convene planning team or workgroup
- Establish a shared definition of SMI
- SIM Mapping of current mental health/justice involved procedures and resources
- Consistent screening process at jail booking with evidence-based screening tool.
- Referrals for assessment by Wellpath QMHP for all positive screening at booking.

CaAIM

Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) for Justice Involved

- Implementation is spanned across multiple years
- Readiness of correctional agencies is measured in layers over time frames
- As of January 1, 2023, required in-custody Medi-Cal screening and application processing for those who qualified and chose to apply 90 days prior to release.
- No earlier than April 1, 2024, and no later than March 31, 2026, required screening for 90-day Medi-Cal pre-release services (including mental health), provision of such services, care management, re-entry support, etc.

DATA

- SAMSHA'S Definition of Serious Mental Illness
- Can only be designated as SMI by qualified mental health professional
- Read-only access to EHR for analysis (Stepping-Up's Key Measurements)
- Baseline data

FURTHER QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

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STEPPINGUP

Ventura County Behavioral Health
Board Letter Summary of Contracts for April 2023

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
4/11/2023	Turning Point Foundation (TPF)	\$1,230,114	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. TPF provides psychiatric rehabilitation-oriented services to Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) enrolled clients who have been authorized and referred by VCBH to TPF. Psychiatric rehabilitation promotes recovery, full community integration, and improved quality of life for persons who have been diagnosed with any mental health condition that seriously impairs their ability to lead meaningful lives. The Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF, increases the maximum contract amount by \$45,820, to provide additional funding for: (1) staff wage increases stemming from CA minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2023, (2) cost of living adjustments, and (3) inflationary costs related to facilities maintenance and office supplies. This agreement is funded with Short Doyle/Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP) and Realignment funding.
4/11/2023	For The Future, Inc.	\$546,458	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreements with For The Future, Inc., for Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program Services. For the Future, Inc. provides short term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) services to at risk youth within Ventura County. They operate a child-centered treatment facility that offers among other services, impulse control, behavior management skills, structured group activities and feeling identification. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with For the Future, Inc. increases the maximum contract amount by \$11,740, to provide funding for administration office and increased operating costs. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
4/11/2023	ASC Treatment Group (Los Angeles) (ASC Los Angeles)	\$757,120	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Los Angeles for Adult Residential Treatment Services. ASC Los Angeles provides adult residential treatment services. This facility offers 24-hour staffing and a full range of clinical and rehabilitation services that are designed to assist clients in their mental health recovery. Specifically, the following clinical and rehabilitation services are provided: psychiatry and medication support, individual and group therapy, therapeutic recreation/community activities, and case management. The goal of this program is to assist clients in being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge. The Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Los Angeles increases the maximum contract amount by \$38,306, to fund increased operating costs, including wages, office supplies, and insurance. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
4/11/2023	ASC Treatment Group (Bakersfield) (ASC Bakersfield)	\$1,191,343	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Bakersfield for Adult Residential Treatment Services. ASC Bakersfield provides adult residential treatment services. This facility offers 24-hour staffing and a full range of clinical and rehabilitation services that are designed to assist clients in their mental health recovery. Specifically, the following clinical and rehabilitation services are provided: psychiatry and medication support, individual and group therapy, therapeutic recreation/community activities, and case management. The goal of this program is to assist clients in being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Bakersfield increases the maximum contract amount by \$135,723, to fund increased operating costs, including wages, office supplies, and insurance. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.

4/11/2023	BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC dba Jackson House Santa Paula (Jackson House)	\$2,208,250	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Jackson House for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Adult Short Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program Services. Jackson House provides Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Adult Short Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program services to Ventura County residents between the ages of 18 and 59 authorized by VCBH. Most clients will have a serious mental illness and significant functional impairment who are at risk of psychiatric hospitalization but do not require care in a locked treatment setting or who may require an intensive level of support but no longer require treatment in a locked treatment program. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Jackson House increases the maximum contract amount by \$558,250, to fund increased bed days utilization by VCBH. This agreement is funded with Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and SD/MC FFP funding.</p>
4/11/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc	\$427,240	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc for MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Services (PEI). Idea Engineering, Inc. provides MHSA PEI services support on various projects sponsored by VCBH. In order to address growing needs within the community to provide access and resources around mental health and PEI services, Idea Engineering, Inc., has partnered with VCBH on developing, disbursing, and coordinating information and promotional materials that bring awareness to mental health services. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc., is being amended to cover the cost for: (1) additional promotional materials needed for the Empower Up event sponsored by VCBH and (2) additional mental wellness communication materials through fiscal year end. The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$295,000 to \$427,240 (an increase of \$132,240). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
4/11/2023	Evalcorp	\$179,575	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Evalcorp for Data Collection and Analysis Services. Evalcorp provides data collection and analysis services on various projects on behalf of VCBH. Evalcorp is currently providing these services in order to support the Wellness Centers coordinated with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE). The primary objective of the agreement is to: (1) collaborate with VCBH and VCOE to develop evaluation infrastructure and evaluation capacity, (2) implement a school-wide survey to assess the impact of the Wellness Centers on issues related to awareness of and access to school-based mental health services, (3) conduct required data monitoring for middle school Wellness Centers as needed to inform quarterly and yearly reporting requirements, (4) conduct requisite univariate and multivariate statistical analyses, (5) develop the annual evaluation reports and (6) prepare for and facilitate monthly evaluation meetings with VCBH and VCOE. The Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Evalcorp is being amended to cover additional hours for the Senior Research Associates related to expansion of Wellness Centers throughout Ventura County. The provider has requested to increase the staff hours from 573 to 873 hours (an increase of 300 staff hours). The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$149,875 to \$179,575 (an increase of \$29,700). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
4/11/2023	TPF	\$941,214	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF for Adult Wellness and Rehabilitation Center and Mobile Wellness Services. The primary objective of the agreement with TPF is to provide: (1) mobile wellness centers that provide Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), (2) recovery groups, (3) linkage and access resources and (4) socialization opportunities as well as step down treatment for individuals in need through Ventura County. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF is being amended to cover an increase in staff wages due to changes in the minimum wage requirement that went into effect on January 1, 2023. Additional funding is also needed to cover the cost to replace three (3) laptops. The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$887,749 to \$941,214 (an increase of \$53,465). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>

4/11/2023	Homeland Languages Services LLC (Homeland)	\$343,743	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Homeland for Interpretation and Translation Services. Homeland provides interpretation and translation services for VCBH. The primary objective of the contract is to support VCBH in providing critical interpretation/translation services to members of the community who need to access services provided by VCBH. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Homeland is being amended to cover an increase in requested translation and interpretation services. This is due in large part to clinics and other services opening up to provide in-person support. Previously due to COVID-19 protocols, utilization of these services were limited. The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$150,000 to \$343,743(an increase of \$193,743). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.
4/11/2023	Elms Manor Corporation (Elms Manor)	\$225,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Elms Manor for Augmented Board and Care Services. Elms Manor provides augmented board and care services for adults ages 18 to 59 with serious and persistent mental illness that has resulted in significant functional impairments requiring 24-hour care and supervision to promote safety and recovery. The acuity level of these individuals is high in that they require daily assistance in one (1) or more areas of life functioning, including: attending to self-care and basic needs, attending to medical and medication needs, maintaining participation in supportive mental health/substance abuse and other recovery-based support programs, and socializing and re-integrating into the community. VCBH currently pays these providers a rate per client/per month for augmented board and care services. VCBH funding is in addition to the Social Security Insurance (SSI) that these facilities receive from clients to provide basic board and care services. If the client does not have SSI benefits, VCBH provides temporary funding to cover basic board and care services until the client receives SSI benefits. Currently, 43 clients are residing at Elms Manor. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Elms Manor is being amended to increase the maximum contract amount from \$219,000 to \$225,000 (an increase of \$6,000) for the service period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, to cover additional SSI benefits cost. This agreement is funded with MHSA, Tobacco Settlement, and 1991 Realignment funding.
4/25/2023	Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis)	\$6,750,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Aegis for Outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) Services. Aegis provides outpatient NTP services and Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) services for adults. Aegis currently has clinics in Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Ventura with a total licensed capacity of 1,370 clients. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Aegis provided services to 737 DMC clients. Since July 2022, Aegis has provided services to 734 DMC clients and estimates serving 745 DMC clients by fiscal year end. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Aegis increases the contract amount by \$350,000 due to an upward trend in clients. In FY 2021-22, the contract maximum was decreased due to the reduced number of clients due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This agreement is funded with Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (D/MC FFP) and Realignment funding.

4/25/2023	HealthRight 360	\$3,554,873	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Tenth Amendment to the Agreement with HealthRight 360 for Residential Treatment Services. HealthRIGHT 360 provides three levels of residential treatment services and one level of withdrawal management treatment services for women and their children. The three levels of residential treatment services include: (1) clinically managed low-intensity residential services, (2) clinically managed population-specific high-intensity residential services for adults only, and (3) clinically managed residential services with high intensity for adults and medium intensity for adolescents. HealthRIGHT 360's satisfactory discharge rate is 55%. From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, HealthRIGHT 360 served 151 residential and 109 withdrawal management clients and 68 of those clients received MAT services. Since July 2022, HealthRIGHT 360 served 119 residential and 61 withdrawal management clients and 49 of those clients received MAT services. HealthRIGHT 360 estimates serving 160 residential and 115 withdrawal management clients and 70 of those clients will receive MAT services by the end of the fiscal year. The Tenth Amendment to the Agreement with HealthRIGHT 360, increases the contract amount by \$638,759 due to: (1) increased staffing costs related to the withdraw management modality, from prior year, as well as the addition of staff and salary increases to attract and retain staff and (2) increased costs related to additional bed utilization particularly in the level 3.5 residential modality. This agreement is funded with D/MC FFP, State General Fund, Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) discretionary, 2011 Realignment, CalWORKS, Judicial Council of California (JCC) and AB 109 funding.</p>
4/25/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$404,500	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Ninth Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. for Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention Services. Idea Engineering, Inc. provides VCBH with SUS Prevention communication materials and public messaging campaign services, including custom and localized public service announcements to support various program priorities (e.g., prescription drug abuse prevention initiatives, impaired driving prevention, opioid overdose prevention and rescue efforts) using a range of media channels. Traditional print media and internet-based digital messaging services are directed to youth and adults. Marketing, media and prevention messaging services reach targeted groups locally, consistent with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Idea Engineering Inc. developed messaging themes covering topics such as "fentanyl can be found in any street drug" and "You Can Save A Life" using naloxone overdose rescue strategies. Messages focused on prescription drug misuse prevention, fentanyl and methamphetamine awareness, and access to care messaging were created and delivered with strong local impressions. The Fentanyl and Fake Pills October 2022 campaign alone garnered 588,343 impressions via targeted website ads, 824,600 radio impressions, and 17,050,000 transit impressions via 40 buses, for a total of 18,462,943 impressions. The Ninth Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. increases the contract amount by \$30,000 to expand awareness campaigns about current trends in illegal drug use among older school-aged youth and inform parents of these youth about new forms of opioid and stimulant risks. This agreement is funded by Vehicle Fines, Statham and SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.</p>

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5/16/2023	Amada Enterprises, Inc.	\$3,057,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Amada Enterprises, Inc. Sixth Amendment for Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services. Amada Enterprises, Inc. provides business under the name View Heights Convalescent Hospital and Wellness Center. It is designated as an IMD and provides SNF services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to severity of their illnesses. Clients receive the following services at View Heights Convalescent Hospital and Wellness Center: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services.</p> <p>The Sixth Amendment to the agreement with Amada Enterprises, Inc., increases the maximum contract amount by \$184,000, to provide additional funding for the placement of two clients in addition to the existing twenty-four clients. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement, Realignment and other County Resources funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Telecare Corporation (Telecare) (La Paz)	\$844,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Telecare Second Amendment for SNF and Involuntary Medication Orders (IMO) services. Telecare La Paz provides 24-hour SNF and IMO services for mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to severity of illnesses. In addition to the SNF and IMO services, clients placed at Telecare's La Paz Geropsychiatric Center receive the following series: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, (4) food services.</p> <p>The Second Amendment to the agreement with Telecare increases the maximum contract amount by \$244,000, to provide funding for the placement of one client in addition to the existing seven Medi-cal clients and one client in addition to the existing six Non-Medi-cal clients. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment and other County Resources funding.</p>
5/16/2023	California Psychiatric Transitions Inc. (CPT)	\$703,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 CPT Third Amendment for SNF and IMO services. CPT provides 24-hour Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Involuntary Medication Orders (IMO) services for clients experiencing severe and treatment resistant mental illness. CPT assists clients develop emotional, social and intellectual skills needed to live, learn, and work in the community through the life skill training, money management, training on accessing community services, transitional programs, and discharge planning.</p> <p>The Third Amendment to the agreement with CPT increases the maximum contract amount by \$291,000, to fund one client in addition to the existing two clients and to cover increased program operational costs. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment and other County Resources funding.</p>

5/16/2023	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca) (Crisis Stabilization Unit- (CSU))	\$3,888,858	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Seneca Family of Agencies Fifth Amendment for CSU services. Seneca provides CSU program services for VCBH. The Seneca CSU is the front-end of the continuum of care for childrens mental health crisis services in Ventura County, providing a multi-disciplinary risk assessment to youth experiencing a mental health crisis and interventions to promote stabilization, family involvement , and safety planning to access the least restrictive, most appropriate level of care. The Seneca CSU provides mental health interventions that are necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and safely discharge the minors to community services. The Seneca CSU is certified by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The primary objective of any CSU is to promptly evaluate and/or stabilize minors presenting with acute symptoms or distress without hospital admission. In FY 2022-23, the Seneca CSU provided crisis stabilization services to 102 youth (July-January). Of those, 47% avoided hospitalization.</p> <p>The Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Seneca CSU, increases the maximum contract amount by \$152,879 to reimburse Seneca for increased costs in psychiatric services and staff wages during FY 2022-23. This agreement is funded by Short Doyle/Medi-cal, Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP), and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Seneca (Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS))	\$1,867,553	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Seneca Fifth Amendment for COMPASS services. Seneca also provides COMPASS program services for VCBH. The COMPASS program is a six bed Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) licensed through California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and certified through DHCS. The program is designed to provide voluntary residential treatment for minors who are not able to be stabilized in less than 24 hours but who do not meet criteria required under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5585.50 for psychiatric hospitalization. On average, these youth will typically stay at the STRTP for ten days. The focus of this program is to stabilize the minor to assure safety, develop safety planning with the family, introduce therapeutic and psychiatric interventions and establish linkages to aftercare treatment, reducing the likelihood of recurring crisis situations and potential psychiatric hospitalization. Seneca staff also provide transitional community-based services to promote a successful transition from the COMPASS program back to minors' homes. Such services can be provided up to 60 days from the date of discharge. In FY2022-23, the Seneca COMPASS program provided continued stabilization through residential and outpatient mental health services to six youth (July through January).</p> <p>The Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Seneca COMPASS, increases the maximum contract amount by \$117,800 to reimburse Seneca for increased costs in staff wages during FY 2022-23. This agreement is funded by SD/MC, FFP and MSHSA funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Interface Children and Family Services (Interface)	\$1,158,008	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Interface Children and Family Services Fifth Amendment for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. Interface provides Medi-Cal specialty mental health care EPSDT services to children younger than 21 years of age that are Medi-Cal beneficiaries and who meet the criteria for medical necessity as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 1830.205 and 1830.210. Services may include assessment, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, medication management and case management. In FY 2022-23 Interface has provided EPSDT program services to 263 unduplicated clients (July through February). Per contractual changes earlier this fiscal year, Interface is focusing efforts in Oxnard and has recently reopened services in Santa Paula.</p> <p>The Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Interface EPSDT, increases the maximum contract amount by \$94,505 to increase Salaries and Benefits (5%) and increase indirect costs (from 10% to 15%). . This agreement is funded by SD/MC, FFP and Realignment funding.</p>

5/16/2023	Telecare (Vista)	\$888,596	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Telecare Vista Seventh Amendment for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program services. Telecare Vista provides ACT program services to Ventura Innovative Services Telecare ACT Vista (XP2/XP3) adult consumers who have been released from local jails. These individuals receive community-based support to ensure independent living and wellness. ACT services include mental health treatment, psychiatric care and management, medication education, alcohol and other substance abuse treatment, life skills training, vocational training and counseling, advocacy regarding criminal justice, social services, social security issues, and linkage with peer support programs, wellness and recovery centers, and housing supports. Throughout FY 2022-23 (July through April), Vista served 49 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 36.</p> <p>The Seventh Amendment to the agreement with Telecare Vista, increases the maximum contract amount by \$55,351 due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded by SD/MC, FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Telecare (Horizon View)	\$3,190,796	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Telecare Horizon View Sixth Amendment for Locked Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) services. Telecare provides locked MHRC services at Horizon View for individuals who have a history of severe mental illness who cannot be properly treated at lower levels of care. These consumers are: (1) Medi-Cal eligible, (2) 18 years or older, and (3) on conservatorship pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5350, et seq. (the "Lanterman Petris-Short Act") and are transferring from an acute psychiatric hospital, a state hospital, or another locked MHRC. Consumers receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily living activities. In addition, structured day and evening services are also provided to assist consumers in acquiring living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Throughout FY 2022-23, Horizon View served 35 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 13.</p> <p>The Sixth Amendment to the agreement with Telecare Horizon View, increases the maximum contract amount by \$295,588 due to the program's use of overtime and registry to fill in behind vacancies and inflationary pressure on food prices. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
5/23/2023	One Step A La Vez	\$264,211	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 One Step A La Vez Agreement for Prevention and Early intervention (PEI) Services . One Step A La Vez provides PEI Services. They work to provide the following strategies: a) provide access and linkage to services for people with severe mental illness, b) improve timely access to services for underserved populations, c) Stigma and discrimination reduction. Goals for the program include: a) increase interagency collaboration and partnerships, b) connect community members to appropriate mental health resources, c) mental health education and stigma reduction through leadership, d) increase awareness and knowledge regarding mental health in the Latino community in Fillmore, e) increase sensitivity in the community to the issues faced by the Latino community in the Fillmore area, f) increasing early help-seeking among people with mental illness. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, One Step A La Vez served 97 clients in core program services and 127 were reached through outreach services. The proposed FY 2023-24 Agreement with One Step a La Vez is for a one-year term (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and represents a consolidation of the FY 2022-23 PEI and outreach Agreements that were previously separate and distinct.</p> <p>The agreement with One Step A La Vez will increase the maximum contract amount by \$129,706 which reflects the two combined budgets from the prior fiscal year to fund: 1) meals for youth that will help to increase participation in the Teen Center, 2) mental health workshops and community speakers to promote and educate youth on stigma, discrimination reduction, suicide prevention, and awareness of community resources, and 3) salary increases related to one full-time coordinator, two part-time assistants, and site manager and an increase in hours for an existing operations director. This agreement is funded by MHSA funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Promotoras Y Promotores Foundation (PYPF)	\$250,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 PYPF Agreement for PEI services. PYPF provides PEI services, targeting immigrant Latina women and their family, who are at risk of experiencing early signs of depression. Promotoras Y Promotores Foundation's primary focus is in the Santa Clara Valley but their secondary focus includes other Ventura County cities as well. Through this Agreement, PYPF will increase awareness and education about depression, make appropriate referrals to community resources, and reduce stigma associated with mental health services. In FY 2022-23, Promotoras Y Promotores Foundation served 121 individuals, which resulted in several receiving housing opportunities and 70 individuals referred to mental health care and/or social support services.</p> <p>The agreement with PYPF represents a decrease of \$4,600 due to the provider consolidating both services under one agreement. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Turning Point Foundation (Turning Point) (RISE Program)	\$321,907	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Turning Point RISE Program Agreement for Outreach and Engagement services. Turning Point RISE Program provides outreach and engagement services in order to address needs within the county to educate, support and mitigate the effect of mental illness for individuals who may be in crisis. Turning Point Foundation RISE staff are trained and encouraged to incorporate their lived experience to develop strategies and engage individuals in services who may be hesitant to engage in service activities. In FY 2022-23, the RISE program provided 949.71 units of service for RISE clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Turning Point RISE Program increases the maximum contract amount by \$30,295 due to the rising costs of living and for the provider to offer competitive wages to retain staff. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Turning Point Foundation (Adult Wellness and Recovery Centers - (AWRC))	\$1,028,803	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Turning Point Agreement for AWRC services. Turning Point Foundation Wellness Centers operates AWRC in Oxnard, COVID-19 Vulnerable Persons Project locations, in additional mutually agreed upon service provision locations within Ventura County, and through online service methods. The AWRC programs focus on outreach to and engagement with individuals with serious and persistent mental illness who have been unserved or underserved by the traditional mental health system. The AWRC's use group and 1:1 interaction, engage clients in various programs, and serve as portals to other mental health, medical, dental, housing, and employment services. As an extension of the on-site wellness centers, Turning Point Foundation also provides mobile wellness center services. The mobile wellness services provide WRAP and recovery groups and socialization opportunities at board and cares, assisted living facilities, and VCBH clinics. The staff also serve as a bridge for participants who may need accompaniment support to step down from a higher level of treatment or who might not be comfortable participating in clinical treatment. In FY 2022-23, the Wellness Centers provided services to 563 individuals, assisted 201 individuals with WRAP services to address their mental health needs, and worked with 646 individuals from several local board and care facilities to access socialization and wellness activities.</p> <p>The agreement with Turning Point Wellness Centers increases the maximum contract amount by \$87,589 due to the rising costs of living and for the provider to offer competitive wages to retain staff. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	United Parents (Respite)	\$229,553	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2023-24 United Parents Respite Agreement for Respite services. United Parents Respite provides respite services (short-term, is for a one-year term (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and proposes an \$87,589 increase to the maximum contract amount from the prior fiscal year due to the rising costs of living and for the provider to offer competitive wages to retain staff.</p> <p>The agreement with United Parents Respite increases the maximum contract amount by \$3,821 due to salaries and benefits cost of living adjustments. This agreement is funded with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center (TAY Tunnel)	\$1,820,187	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2026	<p>FY 2023-25 Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center TAY Tunnel Fourth Agreement for Wellness Recovery Center (WRC) services . Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center TAY Tunnel manages a WRC for young adults ages 18 to 25, in an area accessible to transitional age youth (TAY) that is, at a minimum, representative of the demographics of the population to be served and will serve as the focal point for peer-to-peer recovery services, such as Wrap's and referrals for services. Bilingual staff with lived experience, engage and empower TAY individuals to take an active role in creating a positive lifestyle within a supporting , safe, and understanding environment. More specifically, staff design achievement plans and WRAP's, aid in employment services, health navigation, and linkages to community resources. In FY 2022-23, Pacific Clinics worked with 90 individuals, which resulted in several receiving housing opportunities and 20 assisted in acquiring active employment.</p> <p>The Fourth Amendment to the agreement with Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center TAY Tunnel is for a three-year term and proposes a \$47,787 increase to the maximum contract amount due to: 1) a slight increase in the employee benefit rate from 25% to 28%, 2) a 15% increase in rent as a result of a proposed new location, and 3) other program increases that are related to inflation. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$6,000,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2026	<p>FY 2023-24 VCOE Agreement for PEI services. VCOE provides PEI services and outreach and engagement to reduce stigma and discrimination about mental illness throughout Ventura County. Through VCOE's partnership with the Local Educational Agencies (LEA), mental health screenings, referrals, and mental health services for at-risk students are provided. VCOE contracted school districts also provide education and training for school personnel, students and family outreach and engagement to reduce stigma and discrimination about mental illness. In FY 2022-23, approximately 132,160 individuals received core services, and approximately 32,171 individuals were referred to mental health care and/or social support services.</p> <p>The agreement with VCOE is for a three-year term and represents no change in the annual maximum contract amount from year to year (\$2,000,000 per fiscal year). However, since the proposed new Agreement is now for a three-year term, the new maximum contract amount is \$6,000,000. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Amada Enterprises, Inc. (View Heights)	\$3,250,795	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 View Heights Amendment for 24-hour IMD services. View Heights provides 24-hour IMD services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, View Heights served 29 unduplicated clients and maintained an average of over 25 clients per month increasing from 20 clients to a current count of 29 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with View Heights represents a 3% increase in services rates (Tier 1 from \$226.60 to \$233.40/day, Tier 2 from \$357.41 to \$368.13/day, Tier 3 from \$391.40 to \$403.14/day, Tier 4 from \$427.45 to \$440.27, 1:1 from \$30.90 to \$31.83/hour, Ancillary from \$209.88 to \$216.18/day, and Bed Hold from \$204.19 to \$210.32), an increase in the number of clients that will be served, an increase in the maximum contract amount by \$193,795, and necessary contract updates. Through the proposed FY 2023-24 agreement with View Heights, an average of 25 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Funding.</p>

5/23/2023	CPT	\$887,124	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 CPT Fourth Amendment for MHRC services. CPT is a locked MHRC that includes a Disruptive Behavioral Unit (DBU) that Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) utilizes for court-ordered locked restoration of competence services as well as VCBH clients who require a high level of services in a controlled environment. For VCBH clients, the goal is to stabilize and improve behavior to transition clients to a lower and less restrictive level of care. CPT has successfully stabilized and transitioned several clients who have either moved to a lower level of care at CPT or within the County. Throughout FY 2022-23, CPT served one (2) unduplicated client and maintained an average of approximately one (2) client per month.</p> <p>The Fourth amendment to the agreement with CPT represents an increase in rates (MHRC from \$460.00 to \$485.00/day, DBU from \$910.00 to \$960.00/day, Diversion from \$660.00 to \$690.00/day, and 1-1 from \$52.00 to \$55.00/hour) an increase in the maximum an increase in rates (MHRC from \$460.00 to \$485.00/day, DBU from \$910.00 to \$960.00/day, Diversion from \$660.00 to \$690.00/day, and 1-1 from \$52.00 to \$55.00/hour) an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$184,124, and necessary contract updates. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (Crestwood-Bakersfield) (Bridge)	\$268,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge Second Amendment for 24-hour Adult Residential Mental Health Facility services. Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge provides 24-hour adult residential facility services for adults who have been diagnosed with a severe mental illness. Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge program provides clients discharged/diverted from various IMDs/facilities with a supervised supportive community-based living environment where they can learn the skills necessary to develop more independence and to function in the community, with the goal of being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge from the program. Throughout FY 2022-23, Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge served four (4) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately two (2) clients per month.</p> <p>The Second amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge represents an increase in the bed hold rate from \$230.00/day to \$241.00/day. The overall contract maximum is decreasing by \$32,000. Through the proposed second amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge, an average of three (3) clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (Crestwood-Bakersfield) (MHRC)	\$402,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC Third Amendment for MHRC services. Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC provides mental health rehabilitation center services to seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients placed at Crestwood -Bakersfield MHRC receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) training and support with skills related to daily living activities, (3) daily rehabilitation groups, (4) individual psychotherapy, and (5) various other non-clinical services that are designed to support recovery. Throughout FY 2022-23, Crestwood-Bakersfield MRCH served four (4) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately two (2) clients per month.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC represents an increase in rates (Level 3 from \$319.00/day to \$330.00/day, Level 2 from \$354.00/day to \$366.00/day, Level 1 from \$389.00/day to \$403.00/day, and 1:1 from \$720.00/day to \$745.00/day), representing a decrease in the maximum contract amount of \$102,000, and necessary contract updates. Through the proposed third amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC, an average of three (3) clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Parkside Healthcare, Inc. DBA Parkside Health and Wellness Center (Parkside)	\$1,401,600	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Parkside Third for Amendment for 24-hour SNF and Mental Health Recovery Center services. Parkside provides 24-hour SNF and Mental Health Recovery Center services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients placed at Parkside receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, Parkside served 22 unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately 19 clients per month and their estimated average client count increased from 14 to 19.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with Parkside represents an increase in rates (Medi-Cal from \$170.00/day to \$180.00/day, non-Medi-Cal from \$405.00/day to \$450.00/day, "Bed Hold" from \$395.00/day to \$420.00/day), for an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$30,600. Through the proposed third amendment to the agreement with Parkside, an average of 19 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (SHRC)	\$2,002,684	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 SHRC Third Amendment for IMD services. SHRC is an IMD that facilitates recovery in a restricted environment. SHRC is VCBH's primary residential treatment provider for legal competence restoration services for alleged misdemeanants. SHRC also provides residential treatment for Murphy conservatees (defendants charged with a felony involving death, great bodily harm, or a serious threat to the physical well-being of another person, and for whom a conservatorship was pursued under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5008(h)(1)(B)). Throughout FY 2022-23, SHRC served 19 unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately 16 clients per month.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with SHRC will increase the maximum contract amount by \$208,684 which indicates that an average of 16 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Telecare La Paz	\$951,831	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare La Paz Third Amendment for 24-hour SNF and IMD services. La Paz provides 24-hour SNF and IMD services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients placed at Telecare's La Paz Geropsychiatric Center receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare La Paz served seven (7) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately seven (7) clients per month.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with Telecare represents a 5% increase in rates (Medi-Cal Enhanced from \$167.01/day to \$168.61/day, Non-Medi-Cal \$212.72/day to \$214.76/day, 1:1 \$40.71 to \$42.75/hour, Bed Hold \$365.11 to \$383.37/day), an increase in the maximum contract amount by \$107, 831, and necessary contract updates. Through the proposed third amendment to the agreement with Telecare La Paz, an average of seven (7) clients can be supported through FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (Traditions)	\$16,374,154	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Traditions Amendment for Psychiatric Physician services. Traditions provides psychiatric physician services at various clinic/program sites throughout the VCBH system.</p> <p>The agreement with Traditions represents a 4% increase in the existing in-person service rates (Adult/SUD Psychiatrist \$207.19/hour, Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist \$280.59/hour, Medical Director Psychiatrist \$290.99/hour, and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners/Physician Assistant \$202.59/hour), creation of new Telehealth services rates (Adult/SUD Psychiatrist \$259.80/hour, Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist \$269.80/hour, Medical Director Psychiatrist \$279.80/hour, and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners/Physician Assistant \$194.80/hour), an increase in the maximum contract amount by \$552,400, and necessary contract updates. This agreement is funded with 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), MHSA, and Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (DMC-ODS FFP) funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Vista Woods Health Associates LLC (Vista Woods)	\$671,435	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Vista Woods Amendment for 24-hour SNF services. Vista Woods provides 24-hour SNF services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. In addition to the SNF services, clients receive the following services: (1) medication management; (2) care and supervision; (3) daily activities; and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, Vista Woods served eight (8) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately eight (8) clients per month.</p> <p>The agreement with Vista Woods represents an increase in rates (patch rate from \$170.00/day to \$180.00/day, non-Medi-Cal clients \$450.00/day and bed hold service rate from \$322.94/day to \$420.00/day), resulting in an overall decrease in the contract maximum amount by \$15,315. Through the proposed FY 2023-24 agreement with Vista Woods, an average of 11 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Evalcorp	\$346,500	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Evalcorp Eighth Amendment for Research and Technical Evaluation services. Evalcorp provides critical research and technical services, assisting VCBH and its funded Prevention Services contractors in developing appropriate process and outcome measures, tailored data collection protocols, and corresponding data and performance outcome reports. Additionally, Evalcorp provides VCBH with prevention research, evaluation, data collection and analysis services including: (1) Drug trend information, including quantitative and qualitative research methods to inform: prescription drug, alcohol, methamphetamine, fentanyl and polydrug use prevention interventions, (2) overdose prevention rescue kit data integration, (3) opioid abuse prevention geo-targeting support, and (4) Place of Last Drink (POLD) survey among driving under the influence (DUI) arrestees. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Evalcorp completed summative evaluation for all five (5) initiatives under the current Strategic Prevention Plan, including metrics for opioid prescribing trends locally over the last six (6) years, DUI prevention, and addressing health disparities and substance use risk among young people.</p> <p>The Eighth amendment to the agreement with Evalcorp represents a decrease of \$21,654 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to operational changes which incorporate ongoing digital data collection and analysis by VCBH staff, and reduced needs associated with DUI data reporting. This Agreement is funded with Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Give An Hour	\$249,617	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Give An Hour Twelfth Amendment for Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention services. Give An Hour supports expanded overdose crisis response with: (1) community overdose prevention training, (2) institutional overdose response expansion training, and (3) professional development and capacity building for behavioral health professionals. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Give An Hour provided training and support to more than fifty (50) naloxone distribution sites, with updated training standards for overdose response educators and counselors, reaching hundreds of residents at elevated risk for opioid overdose emergency.</p> <p>The Twelfth amendment with the agreement with Give An Hour represents a decrease of \$59,427 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to changes in professional development training needs and modified opportunities for training of medical doctors and other health professionals in addressing the opioid crisis. This agreement is funded by SABG, Vehicle Fines, and Statham funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$394,500	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Idea Engineering, Inc. Tenth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. Idea Engineering, Inc. provides VCBH with communication materials and public messaging campaign services, including custom and localized public service announcements to support various program priorities (e.g., fentanyl and other drug prevention initiatives, opioid overdose prevention and rescue efforts), and impaired driving prevention campaigns, using a range of media channels. Traditional print media and internet-based digital messaging services are directed to youth and adults. Marketing, media, and prevention messaging services reach targeted groups locally, consistent with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Idea Engineering Inc. developed messaging themes covering topics such as "fentanyl can be found in any street drug" and "You Can Save A Life" using naloxone overdose rescue strategies. Messages focused on drug misuse prevention, fentanyl risk, methamphetamine awareness, and access to care messaging were created and delivered with strong local impressions. The Fentanyl and Fake Pills October 2022 campaign alone garnered 588,343 impressions via targeted website ads, 824,600 radio impressions, and 17,050,000 transit impressions via 40 buses, for a total of 18,462,943 impressions.</p> <p>The Tenth amendment to the agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. represents a decrease of \$10,000 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to changes in operational focus on more affordable outsourced media and changes in social media option. This agreement is funded by SABG, Vehicle Fines, Statham and SABG ARPA funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Reality Improv Connection, Inc. (Reality Improv)	\$445,835	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Reality Improv Eighth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. Reality Improv provides informational and educational engagement projects for youth, young adults, and parents. These projects address underage and binge drinking, impaired driving, opioid and illicit drug use, and examine a range of health disparities using school and community-based workshops, performances, and new media (podcasts, blogs, e-news, and text). Media and health promotion efforts focus on suppressing opioid overdose, consequences of early and frequent cannabis use, and the risks of vaping, along with a range of pro-social and collaborative mental wellness activities, consistent with the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Reality Improv Connection, Inc. documented 6,207 unduplicated youth and young adults participating in prevention content across 249 different workshops and presentations. Giving special attention to those from higher-need school communities, Reality Improv significantly expanded the use of interactive and immersive technologies for substance use prevention and health promotion, recording 21,034 plays of educational games online, and assisted young people in developing digital health messaging for use in reaching diverse audiences, through strategic use of high-quality audio and video.</p> <p>The Eighth amendment to the agreement with Reality Improv represents an increase of \$45,915 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year to support a new digital media studio space, production assistance for prevention audio and video content, localized sharing and amplification of health content on social platforms, and assistance with organization and storage of digital public service announcements (PSAs). Additionally, ARPA supplemental funding will be used for continued support of online services, with upgraded software to offer Zoom Webinar and the 3-D interactive "BRITeworld" platform; aiding large-scale interactive events and increasing use of youth-oriented substance use prevention content countywide. This Agreement is funded by SABG and SABG ARPA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	VCOE	\$225,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 VCOE Tenth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. VCOE provides VCBH with: (1) substance use prevention education and outreach to students (particularly those from underserved populations), school personnel, and community partners, (2) youth mentoring services, and (3) coordination and training to support student assistance and Friday Night Live programs throughout Ventura County. The goal of these programs is to prevent and reduce underage drinking, prescription drug use, illicit opioid use, and the harms associated with cannabis and tobacco vaping/e-products. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, VCOE expanded the number of active Friday Night Live chapters, promoted the use of online Student Assistance Program trainings using a robust digital platform, and had strong success in attracting and retaining participation in programs and events using a combination of virtual and in-person strategies, as feasible under COVID restrictions.</p> <p>The Tenth amendment to the agreement with VCOE represents a decrease of \$148,700 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to the removal of funds for Friday Night Live and Club Live set-aside monies, as well as a decrease in available funding through the California Department of Health Care Services for professional trainings on ways to support Social Emotional Learning. This Agreement is funded with SABG funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Ventura Unified School District (VUSD)	\$180,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 VUSD Sixth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. VUSD provides a systematic, District-level use of Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIM) with existing and new Student Assistance Program (SAP) staffing and resources, to provide individualized alcohol and drug prevention support services to participating students and their families. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, for example, VUSD convened more than 400 virtual sessions to support family engagement and student success, including appropriate referral to alcohol and drug educational and support programs within the District.</p> <p>The Sixth amendment to the agreement with VUSD represents a decrease of \$13,491 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to changes in availability of specified COVID-relief funds to sustain staffing and on-site services under the Statewide Friday Night Live Partnership. This Agreement is fully funded with SABG funding.</p>